

We claim:

1. A shovel, comprising:
 - a) a shaft having upper and lower ends defining a longitudinal axis;
 - b) a shovel blade having top and bottom edges, a concave front side and a convex rear side, the rear side having a shaft insert sleeve for receiving the lower end of the shaft, the rear side further having a pivot bracket mounted between the top edge and the shaft insert sleeve, the pivot bracket having opposing left and right apertures that define a pivot axis, the pivot axis substantially perpendicular to the shaft and substantially parallel to the top edge of the shovel blade;
 - c) a first handle at the upper end of the shaft defining a first axis, the first handle having a first grip, the first grip capable of rotating about the first axis; and
 - d) a second handle assembly comprising substantially parallel left and right leg portions and a handle portion, each leg portion having upper and lower ends, the upper ends of the leg portions defining a second axis, the handle portion positioned between the upper ends of the leg portions, the lower end of the left leg portion pivotally attached to the left aperture and the lower end of the right leg portion pivotally attached to the right aperture, and a second grip pivotally attached to the handle portion, the second grip capable of rotating about the second axis, the second handle assembly capable of pivoting about the pivot axis.
2. The shovel as set forth in claim 1 wherein the first axis is substantially perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the shaft.
3. The shovel as set forth in claim 2 wherein the first axis is substantially parallel to the top edge of the shovel blade.

4. The shovel as set forth in claim 1 wherein the second axis is substantially perpendicular to the leg portions.
5. The shovel as set forth in claim 4 wherein the leg portions and the handle portion are formed from an inverted U-shaped rod and the second grip is a tubular member that slides onto the rod prior to being formed into an inverted U-shape.
6. The shovel as set forth in claim 5 wherein the leg portions have means for varying the length of said leg portions.
7. The shovel as set forth in claim 6 wherein the means for varying the length of the leg portions comprises each leg portion having upper and lower leg members, each lower leg member being a threaded rod, each upper leg member having a nut for receiving the threaded rod of the lower leg members whereby the overall length of each leg portion is determined by the amount the lower leg member is threaded into the nut of the upper leg member.
8. The shovel as set forth in claim 6 wherein the means for varying the length of the leg portions comprises each leg portion having upper leg members made of threaded rod with threads of one orientation and lower leg members made of threaded rod with threads of an opposite orientation, and a sleeve for each leg portion, the sleeve having two ends with internal threads of one orientation at one end and internal threads of the opposite orientation at the other end, each sleeve capable of coupling a pair of upper and lower leg members together whereby the overall length of each leg portion is determined by the amount each upper and lower leg member is threaded into its respective sleeve.
9. The shovel as set forth in claim 6 wherein the means for varying the length of the leg portions comprises each leg portion having upper and lower leg members made of threaded rod, and a coupling nut for each leg portion, the coupling nut having two nuts adjoined to one another side by side whereby an upper leg threads into one nut of the coupling nut from one end and a lower leg threads into the other nut of the coupler nut from the opposite end, and

whereby the overall length of each leg portion is determined by the amount each upper and lower leg member is threaded into its respective coupling nut.